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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Briefing of Defense Subcommittee of House
Appropriations Committee

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. In connection with the CIA briefing of the Mahon Defense Subcommittee on 15 January 1964, it should be noted that at that time there will have been no current intelligence briefing of this Subcommittee on the Soviet posture. In fact, it is not planned to have McNamara and Taylor before the Subcommittee for at least a month. The only guidance I have been able to secure so far is the "usual briefing on the Soviet military posture." It would appear appropriate to have a comprehensive briefing including (a) ICBMs and IRBMs, (b) long-range aviation, (c) submarine strength, (d) air defense capabilities - both missile and aircraft, (e) Soviet ground troops, (f) antiballistic missile developments, and (g) general comments on nuclear warhead capabilities.
3. Undoubtedly we will also encounter questions on Viet-Nam, Cuba, and the Soviet economy including agriculture. (Mr. Mahon has already requested several copies of the report on which the Dale New York Times article of today is based.)
4. Mr. Mahon hopes that the Subcommittee would complete the hearing in one morning and afternoon session but has asked that the Agency be available if it runs over this which it normally has done in the past.

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| Remarks: Attached are a few comments about next week's hearing. I would like to suggest that we set a pre-briefing session for Monday in order to give the DD/I people enough time to make full corrections. At that time we can determine who the Director wishes to take with him. | | | | |
| John S. Warner | | | | |
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